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Hampton Elected Suffragan in Minnesota

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NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 3) -- In a contest that captured national attention, the Rev. Sanford Hampton, 53, rector of St. Barnabas Church in the Diocese of Washington (D.C.), was elected suffragan of Minnesota. Balloting came on October 29.

One of the reasons for national attention was the place on the ballot of the Rev. Margo Maris, clergy deployment officer of the diocese, whose candidacy had strong support in many quarters. If elected, Maris would have been the second woman to be so chosen in the history of the Anglican Communion. [Bishop-elect Barbara Harris of Massachusetts was the first (DPS 88201).]

Maris did prove to be, in fact, Hampton's principal challenger throughout the contest. Election came on the fourth ballot with Hampton and Maris, by that time, the sole contenders. Hampton's greatest strength was in the vote of the laity. Maris had strong clergy support throughout. The fourth ballot vote was Hampton -- 87 clergy, 166 laity; Maris -- 59 clergy, 47 laity. There were three other contenders, all clergy of the diocese. The Very Rev. Thomas Winkler, who was, with Maris and Hampton, one of the three choices of the diocesan search committee, dropped out after the second ballot. The Rev. Ronald Bauer and the Rev. Henry Hoover were nominated from the floor. Bauer dropped out after the second ballot; Hoover, after the third.

Sanford Hampton, the suffragan-elect, has had a varied ministry, serving rural and small church parishes as well as urban parishes. His parishes have been in Illinois, Utah, and Oregon, and, at the time of his election, Washington, D.C. While rector of St. Barnabas Church in Washington, Hampton was co-founder of the Oxon Hill Food Pantry, an ecumenical emergency food shelf program, and chaplain volunteer at the Greater Southeast Community Hospital in the District of Columbia.

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Hampton is a graduate of Northwestern University and Seabury Western Theological Seminary. He was ordained in the Diocese of Chicago in 1966. Before ordination, Hampton had pursued a secular career in sales and marketing in Chicago. The suffragan-elect and his wife of 35 years, Marilyn, have four children and three grandchildren.

Consecration of the new bishop will take place in early spring of 1989.

PHOTO CAPTION:

(88235) The Rev. Sanford Hampton, Suffragan Bishop-elect of Minnesota.

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Dignitaries Celebrate Chapel's Centennial

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NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 3) -- The Memorial Chapel of the Good Shepherd, which lies at the heart of General Theological Seminary's historic Chelsea Square quadrangle, celebrated its centennial on October 31. An impressive array of Episcopal clergy, led by the Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, and ecumenical and Jewish leaders were present at a festival Eucharist marking the event.

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd, a result of the special vision of the seminary's builder-dean Eugene August Hoffman and the inspired design of architect Charles Coolidge Haight, is a much-praised architectural landmark of the city. It is sometimes called "The Jewel of Chelsea Square." However, there is more to the Chapel than its beauty; that is why the centennial celebration honoring it was such a rich and varied event.

The Chapel has for its hundred years been more than the architectural heart of General Seminary; it has been the spiritual powerhouse that has helped to inspire the lives and inform the ministries of generations of Episcopal clergy who have passed through its great bronze doors. The Chapel has been much more, in the life of the Episcopal Church, than "something that happens in New York." Seminarians have come here from all over the country and all over the world. It is the Chapel of the Good Shepherd that most of them probably remember best in later year.

Many distinguished religious leaders walked in the procession on October 31 that came to the Chapel's imposing doors. In addition to the Presiding Bishop and the Seminary's dean, the Very Rev. James Fenhagen, the procession included 21 Episcopal bishops and distinguished leaders of other faiths and denominations. Among those present were: Rabbi Norman J. Cohen, the dean of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; Dr. Gordon Tucker of Jewish

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Theological Seminary; Dr. William G. Rush, ecumenical officer of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; the Most Rev. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Armenian Church; the Most Rev. Archbishop Mar Athansius Y. Samuel, Metropolitan of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch; the Right Rev. Bishop Peter, bishop of New York and New Jersey, Orthodox Church in America; the Most Rev. Archbishop Athenagoras of Dorylaion, Greek Orthodox auxiliary bishop; Monsignor John W. Strykowski, rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary; and the Very Rev. John Meyendorff, dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary, Orthodox Church in America.

The distinguished history of the Chapel came alive on October 31. When the Chapel was consecrated, it was turned over to the spiritual jurisdiction of all of the bishops of the Episcopal Church and their successors. That was one of many reasons why the Presiding Bishop and 21 of his brother bishops participated.

The Festival Eucharist, however, was the act that underlined the centrality of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd to the life of the Seminary and of the Church. The Presiding Bishop preached and Dean Fenhagen presided.

PHOTO CAPTION:

(88236) This massive, quartered oak rood screen is one of the architectural glories of General Seminary's 100-year-old Memorial Chapel of the Good Shepherd. The cross and angels were carved by sculptor J. Massey Rhind.

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Mission for Children Reconsidered

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NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 3) -- The Rev. Howard Williams, newly appointed coordinator of Children's Ministries in the Education for Mission and Ministry unit of the Episcopal Church Center, has announced a major change in one of the Church's oldest programs -- the Church School Missionary Offering (CSMO).

The Church School Missionary Offering was born in the late 19th century when an Episcopal Sunday School superintendent began the first Lenten Offering for missions. By the 1920s, the offering had grown to the extent that it provided one out of every six dollars given for mission in the Episcopal Church, according to The Spirit of Mission (a precursor to The Episcopalian). During the 1930s, the education materials for the offering began by focusing on mission in general. However, the focus began to narrow in 1937, moving in on one particular group or race. In 1955, the offering became known as the "Church School Missionary Offering," and was seen as a program having educational and inspirational value for children.

Beginning in the spring of 1989, the Church School Missionary Offering program will embody a new, comprehensive mission education plan. Williams, working with a committee of representatives from the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, National Mission, World Mission, Stewardship, and Education units, will develop a strategy that builds and grounds CSMO's mission education component, emphasizing how children can be helped to understand the total mission of the Church as they live out the promise of their baptismal vows -- "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

The CSMO materials that will be made available in the spring will represent the creative collaboration of Episcopalians with their ecumenical partners. It is hoped that materials from the Friendship Press, the publishing arm of the National Council of Churches, will be among the resources offered for the new CSMO program. Friendship

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Press produces annual mission education materials based on both a geographical and a general theme. Themes through 1992 have been announced: South Africa/Faces of Poverty in Our Midst (1988-89); The Philippines/The World of Islam (1989-90); Central America/Gospel Visions through Cultural Eyes (1990-91); and Japan/Changing Values in North America (1991-92).

Until the new CSMO plan is made available to the Church, educators are encouraged to evaluate their resources locally and assess what further tools they will need in helping children to become involved in the mission of Church. As Williams has stressed, "The Church School Missionary Offering intends to help free our children for mission."

In addition to likely adoption of the Friendship Press mission resources, Williams also anticipates offering a variety of other resources for CSMO -- including those which will be created and developed by diocesan staff and parish education leaders locally.

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Seamen's Church Institute Begins South Florida Ministry DPS 88238

NEW YORK (DPS, NOV. 3) -- A new and much-needed ministry to a little-recognized class of workers has begun in the Diocese of Southeast Florida.

The Seamen's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey, which has been ministering to seafarers for more than a century and a half, has established a branch in Miami to serve some 20,000 merchant mariners who visit South Florida's ports weekly as workers on both cruise liners and freighters.

On October 22, the Rev. Barbara C. Crafton, Director of Seafarers Services for the Institute, spoke to the annual convention of the Diocese of Southeast Florida, meeting in Miami. She identified, for delegates and visitors to the convention, the men and women in the Miami port area whom the Institute might help: "They are the little, unseen people in an industry which brings millions of dollars a year into the area's economy." She went on to say that the mariners involved are mostly foreign, coming from some 50 countries -- but with a majority from Latin America.

"The passengers on the cruise ships see little of these people and of what their life is like below-decks. The hours are long and the work is hard, and they have many needs," Crafton said.

The Seamen's Church Institute is in the process of creating an affiliate branch to answer the needs of merchant mariners in the Port of Miami, Port Everglades, and the Port of Palm Beach. These needs, and the Institute's response to them, are diverse -- from special telephones mariners can use to call home, to legal and spiritual counseling.

A workshop to train volunteers in making shipboard visits to seafarers is being planned for the first weekend in December at St. George's Episcopal Church in Riviera Beach, near the Port of Palm Beach.

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Maria Jimenez, a seminary student who began working for the Institute in New York and is fluent in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, has moved to the area to work as a chaplain in the Institute's program there -- focusing on nearby Port Everglades and the Port of Palm Beach, about 45 miles north on southeast Florida's "Gold Coast." The ports have few facilities that mariners from cruise liners and cargo ships can use during their few hours ashore.

At an organizational meeting held on October 19, Coral Gables attorney Allan Milledge was designated temporary chairman of the Institute's board of directors, and the Rt. Rev. Calvin O. Schofield Jr., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida, was named honorary chairman.

The Seamen's Church Institute was formed in 1834 and grew into one of the world's largest agencies dedicated to the needs of seafarers. Its work is ecumenical, but it has always been closely affiliated with the Episcopal Church. In New York and New Jersey, where the Institute's main work has been centered up to now, Institute workers deal directly with seafarers. In South Florida, the Institute is setting up a model program in which -- for the first time -- waterfront ministry will be centered in church parishes.

Parish work with mariners has already started. St. George's Church in Riviera Beach was the first parish in the diocese to establish an active ministry with mariners. Volunteers from St. George's get to know the mariners who come into the Riviera Beach area, and offer help and transportation to the church, where other facilities are being developed. Trinity Cathedral in Miami and St. Philip's Church in Coral Gables are also becoming involved in working with mariners.

Jimenez, working much of the time out of a van, visits with mariners and is currently seeking space for expanded telephone facilities at Port Everglades. There is also a Roman Catholic chaplain at Port Everglades for two days a week.

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At the Port of Miami, the Roman Catholic Church maintains a chaplaincy program under the Rev. José Paz. The Norwegian Seamen's Service has also expanded its International Seaman's Park, which offers extensive recreation facilities at the port.

The Seamen's Church Institute will contribute funding to the program in South Florida until it is able to support itself from local sources.

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Academic Alternative Introduced in Newark

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NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 3) -- A challenging academic alternative was offered to grammar school students this September when St. Philips Academy, a coeducational institution in the Episcopal tradition, opened its doors in downtown Newark. St. Philips is the brainchild of the Most Rev. Dillard Robinson, dean of Newark's Trinity Cathedral and chairman of the board of the new academy. Robinson started the school with a grant of seed money from the cathedral. Five years of research by educational authorities helped him determine what kind of approach could bring the best possible education to Newark's children.

"I saw the need for a really superior grammar school in Newark," Robinson said. "The quality of life in this city or any city is influenced by the educational options offered...." We hope to promote positive education of the whole person. We will teach ethics and social morality, but we won't teach a catechism."

The new school's first principal is Dr. Maureen Fonseca, a Vassar graduate who holds a Ph.D. degree from Fordham University. Fonseca, who was born and raised in Guyana, has previously held teaching positions both in Guyana and in the United States. She has also worked in Christian education, some of it in connection with the Church of Sts. John, Paul and Clement, where her husband, the Rev. Petero Sabune, was pastor.

Fonseca, too, is frank about the special character the staff of St. Philip's Academy is working to develop. She has emphasized that although the school will reflect the ethical standards of the Episcopal tradition and will have "an atmosphere of Christian values and morality" it will be "open to and accepting of all cultures and creeds."

The curriculum of St. Philip's will focus on the development of critical thinking, problem solving, and writing skills; a foreign language will also be an important part of the curriculum.

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The academy stresses the involvement of parents in the educational life of their children, according to Fonseca. She hopes that lines of communication will be kept open between her office, teachers, and parents.

St. Philip's Academy began a bold new experiment in education last month. Just as its founders have planned for its birth over several years, so they are taking its development one step at a time. In temporary quarters this year, they have begun with first grade. Grades will be added as students, funds, and space are available. The planners eventually hope to offer grades one through eight, and a kindergarten.

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[FEATURE] Volunteering in Cuba

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NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 3) -- As I write this report, I acknowledge that a year has passed since my return from Cuba as a Volunteer for Mission. Needless to say, it was a "once-in-a-lifetime" experience and one that I wish to share. As it has turned out, I am glad that I did not submit a final report to the Episcopal Church Center sooner, for it truly has taken me a year to digest the Cuban experience.

In order to define my role and purpose in Cuba, I should say that even though I served as a special liaison between the bishops and dioceses of Florida and Cuba in the eyes of the Episcopal Church, in the eyes of the Cuban government I was merely a special student at the Seminario Evangelico de Teologia in the city of Matanzas. It is important to understand this, because it illustrates the delicate balance of objectives that I had to maintain throughout my time in Cuba. It was always a challenge to "keep everyone happy": my bishop; Cuba's Bishop Emilio J. Hernandez; the rector of the seminary; the dean of the Episcopal cathedral in Havana (who was my mentor in my own pre-seminary process); and, lastly, me -- for I was determined to maintain what I saw as my own particular agenda in Cuba.

I arrived in Cuba in mid-September 1986 and promptly began classes at the seminary in Matanzas. Being a seminary student was the only realistic way for me to have been granted a year-long visa: a first of its kind in about twenty years. I was enrolled for two semesters and took courses, for instance, in Christology and ecclesiology, liberation theology, and the history of the Protestant church in Cuba. The seminary is ecumenical, which helped me make lasting friendships with members of Cuba's Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Reformed, and Pentacostal communities.

On weekends I traveled by train to Havana (two hours to the west), where it had been agreed that I would help the Very Rev. Miguel

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Tamayo, Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, and the Rev. Marta Lopez, deacon-in-charge of missions in Santa Cruz del Norte and Bacuranao, with their many pastoral duties. It was a rewarding nine-month period in which I was given the opportunity to become a part of local church communities and to share, preach, teach Bible study, paint, clean, and simply be present for whatever might arise.

During the year, I made a concerted effort to travel this large island diocese in order to visit and photograph as many of its remaining functioning missions as possible. By last count, I visited 23 church communities (of the 40 or so that were there), and preached or shared in the interior Comagüey province, and in Oriente province, where Santiago de Cuba and Guantánamo are located.

My work as a liaison between the companion dioceses of Cuba and Florida mainly centered on gathering much-needed background information about the life of the Cuban diocese and coordinating four separate visits by clergy and lay representatives from the Diocese of Florida to Cuba. This task of coordination was especially difficult. Cuba is a poor country and a country in which church-state relations are still being worked out. In performing my task, I learned a great deal about the patience that is needed in solving the problems encountered in everyday Cuban life. I enjoyed my unusual role as host, and viewed the trips as very meaningful for both the Cuban Episcopalians, who had a respite from their many years of isolation from the rest of the Anglican Communion, and the Episcopalians from the United States, whose impressions of an "unknown" Cuba brought home the great need for education, the need to know more about our neighbors whose "mysterious" country is just 90 miles off our own coast.

I was grateful for the small size (in numbers) of the diocese, for it gave me an opportunity to get a close view of the whole diocesan community. Starting with weekly access to and regular visits with its bishop, I participated in many a diocesan, deanery, and

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parish meeting, as well as women's, youth, and family-centered retreats and camps.

Along with Dean Tamayo, I worked to establish a Havana chapter of the Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN), which will be sponsored by members of the CCN chapter in Jacksonville, Florida. It was only natural that a group of people like CCN, called to reconciliation in the most difficult world situations, would have representation in the United States and Cuba. Our work in Havana was slow and our accomplishments small, but the road to reconciliation is frequently like that.

On the personal, social side, I was blessed with having many Cuban friends - within and outside of the Church. I feel especially grateful for my contact with the "children of the Revolution," those Cubans who know nothing of organized religion. It was a heavy responsibility being both a Christian in a nonreligious society and a citizen of the United States. But I simply made friends and, as a result, had times that I will remember for the rest of my life.

The challenges facing the Anglican community in Cuba are serious and many. I have said that church-state relations are improving; but, obviously, further dialogue is needed. Cuba's revolution was undeniably bitterly antireligious. However, I saw evidence of improvement in June of 1988, when I attended a mission conference in Toronto of the national councils of churches of the United States, Canada, and Cuba. Over thirty Cubans were present: the largest single post-Revolution church delegation to attend an overseas conference. Further evidence of the "thaw" was the presence at the conference of Dr. Felipe Carneado, head of the Office of Religious Affairs and member of the Cuban Central Committee.

My recommendations for the future of relations with Cuban Episcopalians center on the need for greater exchange of Christian and societal experiences. We must continue to have personal contacts, however frustrating the travel visa process may be. I spoke to Presiding Bishop Browning in January of 1988 about this need, and he,

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too, hopes that distances may be bridged; he also hopes to travel to Cuba soon himself.

It is almost impossible to describe briefly such a crucial year in one's life. But it was an invaluable time in my personal Christian development, as I explored my calling to the priesthood in the most challenging and illuminating of circumstances. I hope to return to Cuba one day to serve the needs of the Church.

Notes to editors: This article was excerpted from a report prepared by Mark B. Pendleton, who served in Cuba as a Volunteer for Mission in 1986-87. He is a candidate for ordination in the Diocese of Florida and is currently studying at General Seminary. He was the first student from the United States to be granted a visa since the late 1960s.

The Episcopal Church is seeking Volunteers for Mission and Appointed Missionaries for posts all over the world. The current VIM Opportunities List follows.

OPPORTUNITIES LIST

The Episcopal Church is seeking persons to respond to the following requests for personnel. These positions are for persons to serve in two categories:

Volunteers for Mission - serve from six months to two years and are supported primarily by their local congregations or dioceses.

Appointed Missionaries - serve a minimum of three years and are supported primarily through the national Church budget.

The positions below are for Volunteers except those designated with (A), which are for Appointed Missionaries.

Note: A special project is under consideration for persons who are available for service for periods of less than six months.

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<u>Position</u>	<u>Diocese</u>	<u>Country</u>
<u>EDUCATION</u>		
Teachers (Secretarial Skills, Eng., Sci., Music, Arts, Math., Geo.)	Eldoret	Kenya
Teachers (Sci., Math., Eng.)	Maseno South	Kenya
Teachers (Indl. Trg. Ctr.)	Mombasa	Kenya
Teacher (Indl. Trg. Ctr.)	Mt Kenya Central	Kenya
Teachers (Physics, Chemistry, Sci.)	Mt Kenya East	Kenya
Theol. Educ. Ext. Dir.	Mt Kenya South	Kenya
Teachers	Central Tanganyika	Tanzania
Teachers (Sci.)	West Ankole	Uganda
Theol. Educ. Ext. Coord.	Freetown	West Africa
Theol. Educ. Ext. Tutor	South Central	Brazil
Teachers (Music, Art, genl. ed., secretarial. French or Creole helpful)	Haiti	Haiti
Teachers (Secondary)	Honduras	Honduras
Theological Educator		Indonesia
Theological Educator (A)		Spain
Teachers (ESL training and exp.)		China
Tutor-Pastoral Counseling (drug and alcohol abuse exp. and trg.)	Barbados	Barbados
Theological Educator (A)	Portugal	
Theol. Educ. Tutor	Nairobi	Kenya
<u>DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Water Engineer	Machakos	Kenya
Rural Development	Machakos	Kenya
Rural Development	Kitui	Kenya
Health Worker	Antananarivo	Indian Ocean
Auto Mechanic	Kigalie	Rwanda
Projects Supervisor	Dar es Salaam	Tanzania
Building Supervisor	Dar es Salaam	Tanzania
Project Director	Kampala	Uganda
Agriculturist	Soroti	Uganda
Farm Manager	Accra	West Africa
Farm Manager	Dar es Salaam	Tanzania
<u>CHURCH GROWTH</u>		
Priest	Manicaland	Central Africa
Priest	Swaziland	Southern Africa
Evangelism Coordinator (A)		Sudan
Priest (A)		Panama
Priest (A)		Taiwan
Hispanic Priest	Melbourne	Australia
Chaplain (School)	South Rwenzoni	Uganda
Chaplain (School)	Mukono	Uganda
Dio. Admin.	Dar es Salaam	Tanzania

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HEALTH CARE

Dentist	Eldoret	Kenya
Community Health Nurse	Eldoret	Kenya
Public Health Nurses	Maseno South	Kenya
Dentist	Maseno South	Kenya
General Medical Pract. (Maternity)	Maseno South	Kenya
Public Health Nurses	Mombasa	Kenya
Medical Doctors	Mombasa	Kenya
(Surgical and Pediatric)		
Medical Doctor	Bukedi	Uganda
Health Worker	Mukono	Uganda
Medical Technician	Mukono	Uganda
Doctors (Gyn., Obs.) Nurses	Jerusalem	Israel
Doctors, Nurses, Dentists,	Haiti	Haiti
Lab. Techs., Physical		
Therapist (French helpful)		

OTHER PROFESSIONS

Youth Worker	Mt Kenya South	Kenya
Youth Worker	Kagera	Tanzania
Musician	Mukono	Uganda
Home Economist	Mukono	Uganda
Finance Officer	Freetown	West Africa
Controller	Liberia	Liberia
Counsellors (Children's Home)	Honduras	Honduras
Social Worker (Day Care)		Argentina
Librarian		Spain
WCC Staff Officer (A)		Switzerland
Community Service Worker	San Antonio	Texas
Youth Worker	Fairbanks	Alaska
Librarian	Jerusalem	Israel
Staff Person - Refugee Ctr.		Rome
Asst. to Dir.	Children's Home	Panama
Prog. Administrator		El Salvador
Houseparent Girls Home	Jerusalem	Ramallah
Secretary		Haiti

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McConnell Named at Morehouse-Barlow

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NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 3) -- Morehouse-Barlow Co., Inc., the religious book publisher in Wilton, Connecticut, has announced the appointment of the Rev. Theodore McConnell as their consulting editor for academic books. McConnell, an Episcopal priest and author of several books targeted at the needs of Episcopal laypeople and clergy, has had a distinguished career in religious book publishing.

A graduate of Grinnell College (B.A.) and Yale Divinity School (S.T.B., S.T.M.), McConnell has been national sales director of the American Bible Society, managing editor and marketing manager of Fortress Press, vice president and editor-in-chief of Seabury Press, and editor-in-chief of Pilgrim Press.

As an author, McConnell's most recent books are Finding a Pastor -- The Search Committee Handbook, published by Harper and Row in 1986, and Pastors, Parishes, and the Calling (tentative title), to be released by the Cowley Press in the spring of 1989. He was general editor for Morehouse-Barlow's Anglican Studies series. McConnell is president of the alumni board of the Yale Divinity School.

Williamson Installed at Sewanee Convocation

NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 3) -- On October 10, the University of the South held a Founder's Day convocation in which the university observed the 128th anniversary of its establishment as an educational institution of the Episcopal Church and installed its 14th vice-chancellor, Dr. Samuel R. Williamson.

Speaking to an audience that included bishops, visiting college presidents, and Sewanee students and faculty, Williamson spoke of what it means to be a Christian university not merely affiliated with the Episcopal Church but owned by it. "From the founders through following generations, the fusion of intellectual with spiritual and

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religious activities has been at the heart of Sewanee's heritage," Williamson said. "This university is church-owned; thus its relationship to the Anglican community is neither incidental nor distant. Rather, the connection is deliberate, sustained, continuous."

Williamson further spelled out Sewanee's central role in the life of the Church in the course of his address: "Sewanee...seeks deliberately and clearly to serve the dioceses by producing leaders, by educating priests and future theologians, and...through the Education for Ministry program, by reaching into local parishes through the United States and, indeed, the world."

The new vice-chancellor concluded his address with a tribute to the vision of the founders of the University of the South: "In a world where religion is often the plaything of politicians and television evangelists, Sewanee proclaims that religion and education can co-exist, indeed are inextricably linked together."

Conference to Look at New Ministries

NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 3) -- Province III of the Episcopal Church has announced plans for a ministries fair entitled "Scouting the Frontiers of Ministry" to be held on April 13-15, 1989, at Shrine Mont Conference Center in Orkney Springs, Va.

The purpose of the conference is to support and encourage new ministries and new ways of doing established ministries. There will be a mix of workshops, a sharing of models and resources, theological reflection, individual interaction -- and fun. Workshop topics will include hunger, aging, homelessness and housing, racism, addiction, ministry to young adults, economic justice, AIDS, sexism, medical ethics, the integrity of creation, sharing the power and clarifying the roles of clergy and laity, and issues of sexual orientation in the Church.

The gathering is open to all, but diocesan and parish teams are particularly encouraged to attend. The conference will feature

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displays giving overviews of both ministry networks and individual ministries. There will be an opportunity during the conference for participants to meet together to discuss what they have learned and how it applies to ministries in their own parishes and dioceses.

Conference brochures will be available in mid-December. For additional information, contact: Sandra Majors Elledge, P.O. Box 1007, Blacksburg, Va. 24063; tel. (703) 552-3795.

Compassion and Mercy to Be Kanuga Themes

NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 3) -- The Rev. Matthew Fox, noted Roman Catholic priest, educator, and writer, who was recently disciplined by the Roman Catholic Church for his outspoken views, has informed organizers of the Compassion and Mercy Conference at Kanuga that he will honor his commitment to be their keynote speaker. The conference will be held December 4-7 at Kanuga conference center in Hendersonville, N.C.

The Dominican order, of which Fox is a member, acting in accord with the Vatican, has directed Fox to refrain from preaching, teaching, or lecturing for a period of one year. That period of silence is to begin one week after Fox speaks at Kanuga.

The Compassion and Mercy Conference is planned as an ecumenical and national conference for both professionals and volunteers who work with persons living with AIDS, the mentally ill, and homeless people. The Rev. William C. Spong, professor of pastoral theology at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest and director of the Pastoral Education and Family Counseling Center in Austin, Tex., will give the concluding address.

Registration for the conference is still open and may be made through Kanuga, P.O. Drawer 250, Hendersonville, N. C. 28793.

Dewey Joins EDS Faculty

NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 3) -- The Rt. Rev. Otis Charles, dean and president of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass.,

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has announced that Dr. Joanna Dewey joined the seminary faculty this fall as associate professor of New Testament studies. Dewey comes to EDS from Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozier Theological Seminary where she was visiting associate professor in New Testament studies.

Dewey, who is a specialist in the Gospel of Mark, has taught broadly in New Testament studies and in the humanities. Her current research is in the area of the Gospel of Mark as oral and aural narrative, and the shift in early Christianity from oral to written communication of the Christian story. She is currently working on two studies in her field. One deals with how the Gospel of Mark might have been heard by a listening rather than a reading audience; the other is a comparative analysis of the portrayal of men and women in the Gospel stories.

Dewey received her M.Div. degree from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, Calif., in 1968, and her Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, in 1977. She has previously served on the faculties of the Graduate Seminary of Phillips University, and the Oklahoma State University, and has been a consultant to the Institute for Research in Social Behavior in Oakland, Calif.

SAMS Elects Trustees

NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 3) -- The South American Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church (SAMS) has elected four new members to its board of trustees. New board members are Cynthia Conger, Malvern, Pa., Dr. Charles T. Clemons, San Anselmo, Calif., the Rev. Noel D. Rich, Madison, Ind., and the Rev. John Harvard, Morgantown, Pa.

SAMS was founded in 1976 and patterned after SAMS-UK, which has been sending missionaries from the United Kingdom to Latin America for 150 years. Noel Rich and John Harvard, who have just been elected as trustees, were among the first SAMS missionaries sent from the United States.

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The expanded board of SAMS endorsed the Society's recent move to Ambridge, Pa., and its policy of traveling light while, at the same time, extending its effective evangelism programs in Latin America.

Notes to Editors: In DPS 88223, an article in our October 20 mailing on New Bible Study for Episcopalians, we wish to call your attention to a typographical error that occurred several times in the story. The new Bible study resource provided by the Bible Reading Fellowship is called "Journey Through the Word" -- not "Journey Through the World" as we indicated in our article. Our apologies to editors, readers, and the Fellowship.

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The Church Army, with headquarters now at 806 Lincoln Place, Beaver Falls, Pa., 15010, wishes to announce once more its new telephone number: (412) 846-6363. Auxiliary numbers are (412) 846-6820 or (412) 847-2737.

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